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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Moody et al.
SER. NO.: 10/725082
FILED: 12/02/2003
FOR: Fore Grip With Bipod
EXAMINER:
ART UNIT:

PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.102(c), Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner to advance out of turn the pending action in this matter. The application was filed December 2, 2003. To date no office action has been received, and by telephone inquiry it appears that no action can be expected in the near future.

Applicant requests that the matter be made special and handled out of turn, due to the invention being an invention to counter terrorism under Section XI. The invention contributes to counter terrorism by increasing the effectiveness of service personnel and law enforcement when utilizing firearms. A letter from an individual with the Dept. of Homeland Security supporting this position is attached.

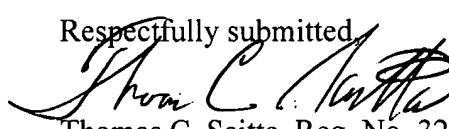
The petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(h) in the amount of \$130.00 is enclosed.

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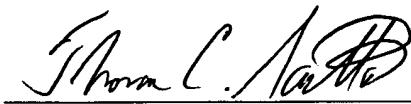
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Subject: GripPod

To: Concerned Parties

I am a thirty one year veteran of the counter-drug efforts of this country and have recently become part of the Department of Homeland Security. I have been involved in patrol of the land and air borders of the US, waterways of the southeastern coast and have been an instructor at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center for eight years.

I have recently had the opportunity to evaluate the Grip Pod on an M-4 Carbine. It is my personal opinion that this is a piece of vital equipment in the war against terrorism. All units involved in this on-going struggle deserve to have access to this device. It allows precise aiming at distant targets with the M-4 Carbine, instantaneously available stability to squad and general purpose machine guns, and can even be used on anti-tank missile launchers. Our troops and law enforcement personnel need it as soon as it can be produced in significant numbers.

I am voicing my personal opinion and am not authorized to speak for my organization on this matter.

Thank you,

Charles McCrary
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